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Rear Admiral B. Hall Barton, USN  
Commander, Joint Task Force JFVE  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Rod:

Thank you very much for thinking to send  
me the little pamphlet "Reading in Retrospect"  
covering the visit I made to Eniwetok last year.

I really appreciate having this little  
memento as it brings back fond memories of a  
very pleasant visit to your Headquarters.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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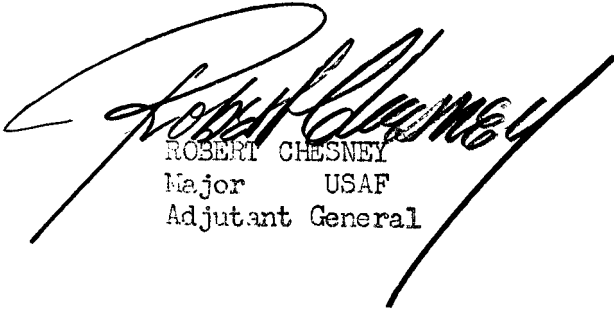
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# *REDWING*

## *IN*

# *RETROSPECT*

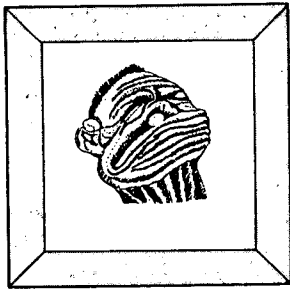


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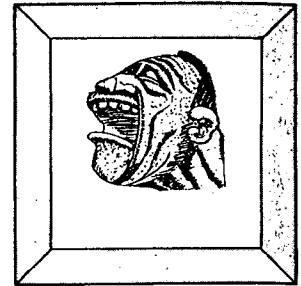
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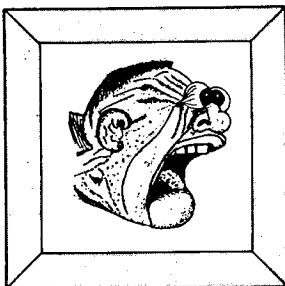
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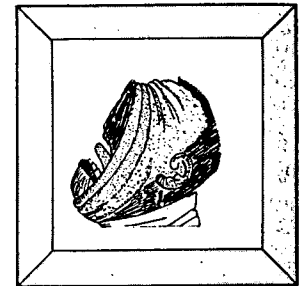
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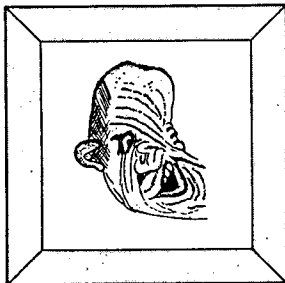
WOMEN! WHERE?

OPERATION REDWING MEANT MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE. IT WAS AN ATOMIC TEST SERIES HELD AT THE AEC'S PACIFIC PROVING GROUND. ALSO IT WAS AN ANNIVERSARY OPERATION ENDING A DECADE SINCE THE FIRST SUCH TEST AT BIKINI IN 1946.

TO EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE TASK FORCE REDWING HAD PERSONAL MEANING. THE COMMON BOND WAS REALIZATION THAT ALL WERE PART OF AN EXCITING HISTORICAL MOMENT. WE PARTICIPATED IN WHAT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY THAT ANY AMERICAN COULD HAVE EXPERIENCED DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1956. IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE BREATHTAKING SIGHT OF THE FLASH AND FLAME AND GROWTH OF THE CLOUD THAT CLIMBED INTO THE TROPICAL SKY.

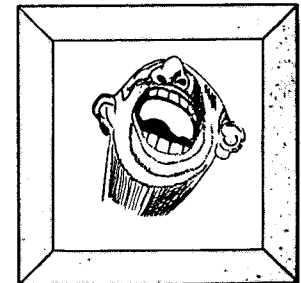


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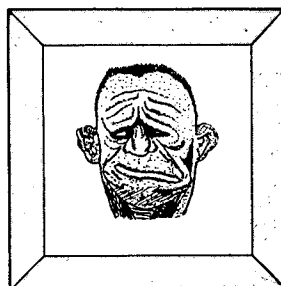


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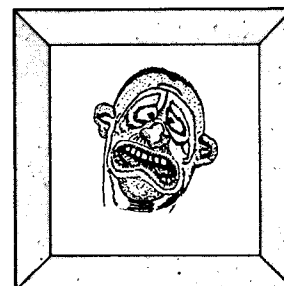
IT WAS NOT ALWAYS PLEASANT IN THE PROVING GROUND THERE WERE MORE COMFORTABLE PLACES TO BE AND CERTAINLY PLACES CLOSER TO HOME AND FAMILY. YET ALONG WITH THE SATISFACTION OF DOING A REAL JOB AND PERFORMING A REAL SERVICE TO COUNTRY, WE HAD OUR PLEASANT MOMENTS...THE RAINS THAT DRENCHED THE OPEN-AIR MOVIE PALACE JUST AT THE BEST MOMENTS OF THE EVENING'S FILM, THE STEAKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, SKIN DIVING LIKE YOU COULD FIND ONLY IN THE TROPICS, MAIL CALL, AND PERHAPS THE MOST MEMORABLE, THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE.



B I N G O



NO MAIL?



NO ICE?

# Congratulations



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

JUL 31 1956

Dear Admiral Hanlon:

I am taking this opportunity to express my personal congratulations and those of the Department of Defense to all personnel who worked so diligently to bring Operation REDWING to successful conclusion. I am happy that I was able to view a part of the test at first hand. That this series will have far reaching effects on national defense and constitutes an invaluable contribution to the progress in preparedness of our nation is already evident.

The teamwork and leadership, both scientific and operational, displayed under changing conditions of weather and operational contingencies are highly commendable. This fine example of cooperation in such a complex operation indicates that it is possible to blend both the scientific and operational aspects and bring out the best performance in each. You and members of your organization are to be congratulated for doing a magnificent job.

Sincerely yours,

*C. E. Wilson*

Rear Admiral B. Hall Hanlon, USN  
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN  
Washington 25, D. C.

HEADQUARTERS  
JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO ALL HANDS:

The success of Operation REDWING is due to the efforts of all of you who made the testing possible. I wish I could tell each of you personally how pleased and proud I am of your superior performance under the trying conditions of a remote site and a difficult mission.

I hope this souvenir pamphlet will remind you in years to come of your part in an operation that furthered not only the cause of our national defense but also helped maintain the peace by keeping the United States and the Free World strong.

To all hands, I say "Well done, and my sincere thanks."

*Robert L. Hanlon*  
B. HALL HANLON  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN

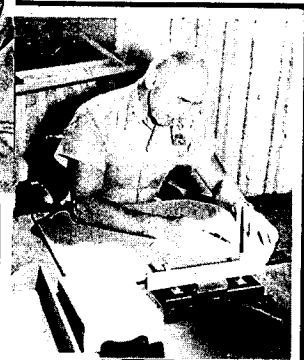


RADM B. HALL HANLON, USN  
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN

# The Bosses



RADM L. B. SOUTHERLAND, USN  
Chief of Staff



MAJ GEN J. C. MACDONALD, USA  
Deputy for Army



RADM J. H. WELLINGS, USN  
Deputy for Navy (CTG 7.3)

A MEETING OF THE MINDS



BRIG GEN P. B. GRIFFITH, USAF  
Deputy for Air



DR. W. E. OGLE  
Deputy for Scientific Matters

# The Visitors



The Commander greets Mr. Charles E. Wilson, the Secretary of Defense and Admiral Felix B. Stump, Commander in Chief, Pacific



Bob Considine, International News Service Correspondent, arrives from the Grace Kelly wedding to cover Shot CHEROKEE



Newsmen gather aboard the U.S.S. Mount McKinley to report REDWING shots



Governor Walter J. Kohler of Wisconsin is welcomed aboard the U.S.S. Mount McKinley by her commanding officer, Captain H. A. Renken, USN

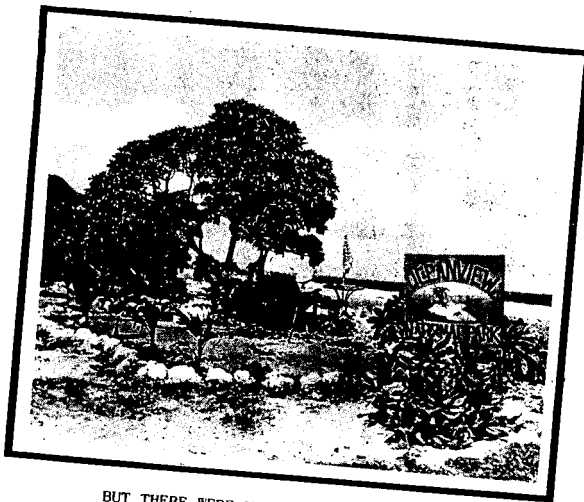


AEC Commissioner, Harold S. Vance is met at the Eniwetok MATS terminal by Maj Gen Macdonald

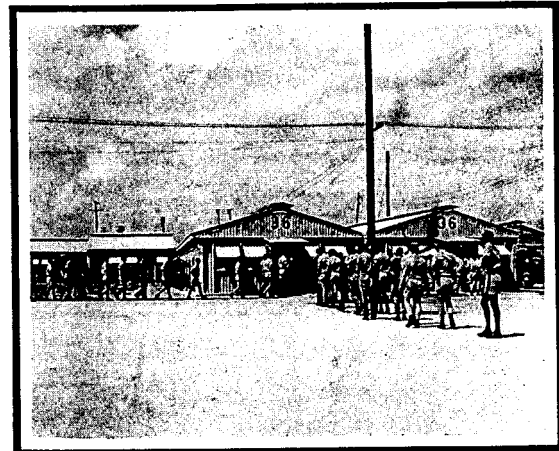


Civil Defense officials watched CHEROKEE and LACROSSE from U.S.S. Mount McKinley

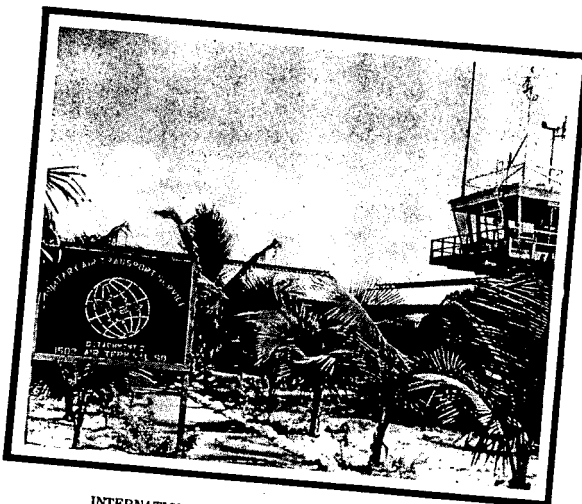
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BUT THERE WERE NO BIKINI BATHING SUITS



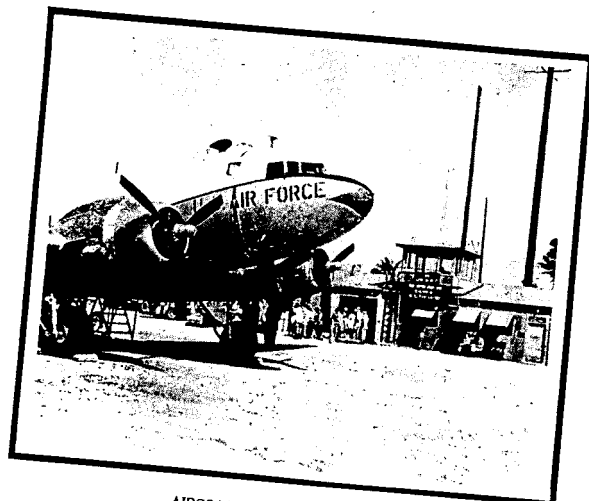
THE FOOD WAS WORTH WAITING IN LINE FOR



INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SOUTH PACIFIC STYLE



ACROSS THE ISLAND AND INTO THE TREES



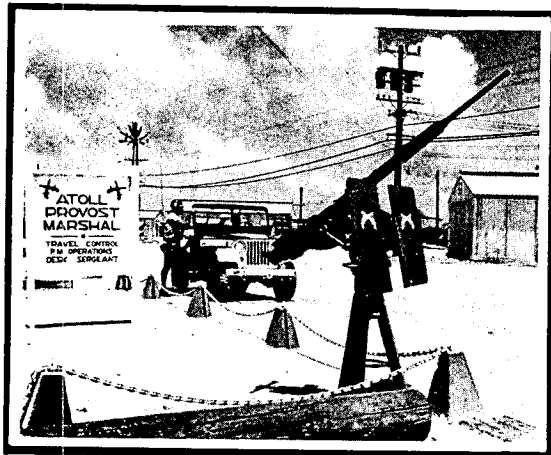
AIRCOACH TO ENIWETOK



# Islands



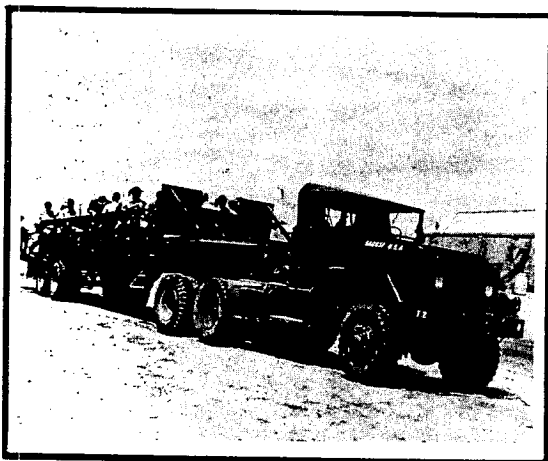
ROGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN LIVED HERE



RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC WAS ALWAYS WELL HANDLED



AND THEN THERE WAS THE YACHT CLUB

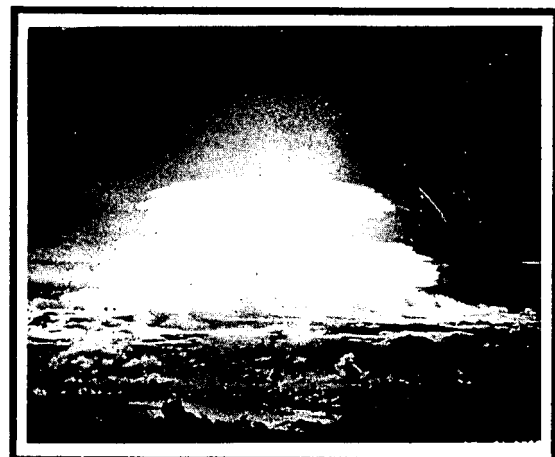
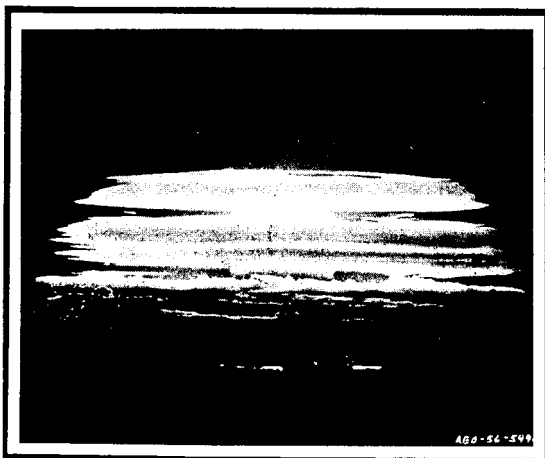
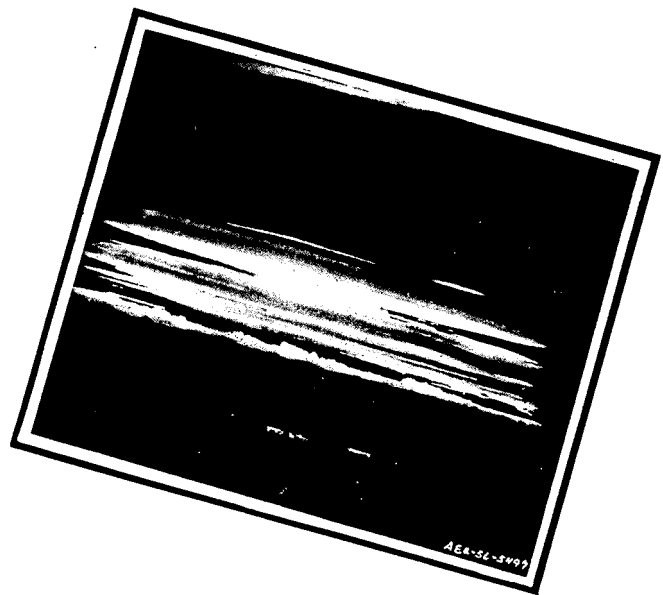
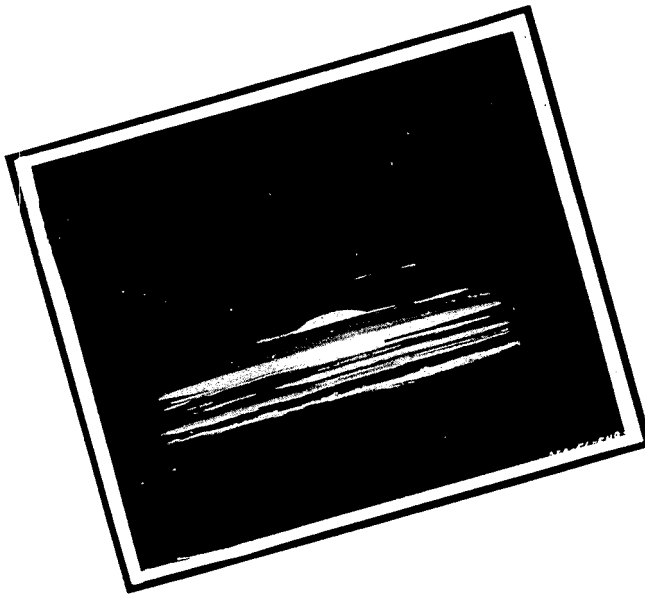
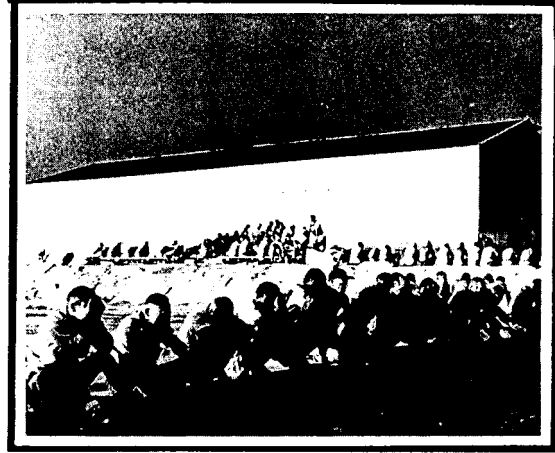


TRANSFERS AND SUNBURN, ALL FREE



THERE WERE SERIOUS THOUGHTS TOO

# The Payoff



Hq, Joint Task Force SEVEN  
Marshall Islands  
Eniwetok Atoll  
Parry Island

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Dear CIVILIZED Peoples:

Very soon now G. I. PARRYISLANDSHOOK, JTF will once more be in your midst.....slightly dehydrated, somewhat unkempt, greatly demoralized and a wee bit uncivilized...to make his place as a human being engaged in Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

In making your joyous preparations to welcome him back into organized society, you must make allowance for the crude environment which has been his miserable lot for the past few months. He may be what is locally termed shook or be suffering from a touch of "WETOK ROCK LONELINESS."

Therefore, do not be alarmed if he neglects to put his clothes on before leaving the house. Keep cool when at dinner he prefers to sit on the floor and asks when the chop suey and rice will be served. CAUTION: Feed him nothing that resembles a coconut! Take it with a smile when he walks around mumbling such catchy phrases... It's minus one...NO, It's minus two or where the hell's the mail plane? If he sulks because someone stole his seashells, do not annoy him when in that mood.

For the first few weeks.....until housebroken..... be especially watchful of him while in the presence of young women.....After months of seeing beautiful women in the movies he may think himself a master lover and his intentions WILL NOT be honorable.

Keep in mind that beneath his coat of tan and native type exterior there beats a heart of gold...probably the only thing of value that remains. With kindness, tolerance and occasional quarts of good liquor, you will be able to rehabilitate that which is now a hollow shell of the happy guy you once knew.

# THE END

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